

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION  
FBI LABORATORY, TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SECTION, EXPLOSIVES UNIT  
FROM : LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (105-767) (P) ~~(S)~~ (U) ~~(X)~~  
SUBJECT: MONTONEROS  
IS-ARGENTINA ~~(S)~~ (U)

DATE: 4/26/77

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an instruction sheet, as translated from the Spanish language, which was distributed to members of captioned organization, an Argentine terrorist group. The Spanish language version of the enclosure dated 3/4/77 was urgently distributed by the Montoneros due to a number of recent incidents, wherein Montonero members placing bombs in Buenos Aires accidentally detonated the bomb while it was being placed, resulting in the known deaths of at least four Montoneros. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The Spanish language version of the enclosure was provided by Comisario Inspector AGUSTIN ITALO MARTINI, Chief of the Bomb Squad, Federal Police of Argentina (FPA). The material is unclassified and may be disseminated provided the Montoneros are not identified and the FPA is not named as the source. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The enclosure is submitted since it may be of interest to the Scientific and Technical Services Division.

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March 4, 1977  
TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Secretariat of Regional Logistics  
~~Instruction~~ Instruction Booklet

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1. Introduction:

One should first be familiar with this lesson before handling any of the elements that have been handed out or in dealing with any of the members of the group affected by the operation. The group leader or the operational detachment is responsible for the costs that might occur (deterioration of arms or accidents) as a result of not being familiar with this instruction.

2. Basics of the functioning of the delayed destructive container: The main components are ~~the~~ 1) the container itself and 2) the delay device (in this case electronic). UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE DELAY DEVICE BE CONNECTED TO THE CONTAINER BEFORE THE CONTAINER IS SITUATED IN ITS FINAL DESTINATION IN THE OBJECTIVE.

2. A. ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ The container itself: Consists of a solid chassis (shell) that has the explosive mixture (aluminized ~~powder~~ powder) inside. Beginning the combustion, the mixture produces a high compression which is resisted by the outside shell; finally the outside shell gives way, producing the ~~initiation of the combustion~~ ~~comes about due to a small flashbulb inside~~ the container (within the powder mixture) that is connected to a male plug. BECAUSE THE MIXTURE IS RELATIVELY UNSTABLE, AVOID EXPOSING THE ~~THE~~ CONTAINER TO ~~RIX~~ FIRE OR EXCESSIVE HEAT, HUMIDITY OR BOUNCING AROUND.

2.22 Electronic Delay Device: Consists of an electronic ~~electronic~~ ~~circuit~~ ~~capable~~ capable of sending the necessary electronic impulse to light the flashbulb after a determined amount of time following its connection. It requires a delicate handling of the delay device in its storing as well as in its transport to avoid its deterioration (carry it and store it in a box). The delay device contains the following elements: battery box containing four batteries which should be placed with the ~~negative~~ negative end against the springs; an electronic circuit; an on-off switch (which turns to on toward the red mark) which should be kept off; a female plug and a small bulb.

Use: The delay device has a control and security mechanism which permits testing the device as many times as necessary (don't waste the batteries). YOU MUST TEST THE DEVICE WITHOUT BEING CONNECTED TO THE CONTAINER OR YOU WILL HAVE AN EXPLOSION (and you won't be able to test it again).

1. Test: Turn the switch to on and wait for the delay time (about ten minutes) to light the small bulb (if the container was connected, instead of lighting the small bulb, the flashbulb inside the container would light causing the explosion. If the delay functions, turn off the switch.

2. Operational handling: At the <sup>placement</sup> ~~location~~ of the container, turn the switch on. If the small bulb doesn't ~~light~~ light, turn it off. Plug in the ~~male~~ male plug to the female plug of the delay device and turn the switch on again. If when one turns on the switch the small bulb lights, don't plug in the container or there will be ~~an~~ an explosion.

3. Observation: As ~~we~~ we have said, upon ~~activating~~ activating the circuit, the delay time is being counted down. If for some reason one needs to postpone momentarily the operation, turn the switch to off and the time will automatically go back to zero beginning again when the switch is turned back on.

This armament that is provided has been entirely fabricated and is rigorously controlled by S/L/R. If you find imperfection in the fabrication, return the elements with the appropriate report. You should retain the instruction sheet and the logistics officer of each group may reproduce it in order to give copies when necessary.

At the time of situating the explosive container, avoid having the metal shell of the container come in contact with the circuit.

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Secretariat of Regional Logistics

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MARCH 4, 1977

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION : Intelligence Division

SUBJECT : Forwarding of English Language Document  
[redacted] from the "Montoneros," an  
Argentine terrorist Group

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REFERENCE :

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1. Reference is made to [redacted]

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documents [redacted]

[redacted] the home of an official  
of the "Montoneros," an Argentine terrorist group, regarding  
the Central Intelligence Agency [redacted]  
[redacted] the text of a Xerox copy of two separate sections of  
a typed letter, in English, which was among the [redacted]  
documents. Attached is the Xerox copy of that letter.

2. From all indications, the attached document was  
written by some unknown party in the United States who is  
collecting information on CIA personnel assigned abroad and  
passing this information to persons having connections with  
the Montoneros.

3. It is requested that your Bureau forward any signif-  
icant findings pertinent to this Agency's mission that may  
develop as a result of your review of the document.

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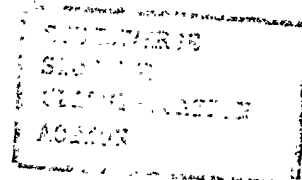
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I am sorry about the delay over the names and addresses which I promised for you so long ago. I wanted to have them checked by [redacted] and by the Centre for National Security Studies in Washington. The Centre is a group of people, many of whom like I have left the various US organisations, and who are working for reform - some of them are not exactly revolutionary, but they have files and material on US espionage and related topics.

I have had the names we found checked by [redacted] but not yet by the CNSS. They seem to be on holiday. But I spoke on the phone to them before I left [redacted] and they promised that they would try to work on them this week for me. So I may be able to confirm more when I get back to the office next week.

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FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

[REDACTED]

George V. Lauder

Attachment, as stated

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1 - Laboratory Division  
1 - Mr. V. H. Nasca

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To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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From: Director, FBI

Subject: [FORWARDING OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENT  
CONFISCATED FROM THE "MONTONEROS," AN  
ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUP]

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Reference is made to your communication dated  
June 30, 1977, with enclosure, in the captioned matter,  
your reference [redacted]

You requested that this Bureau forward any  
significant findings pertinent to your Agency's mission  
that may be developed as a result of our review of the  
enclosure, which were portions of a typewritten letter.

The submitted portions of the typewritten letter  
were compared with material of a similar nature, including  
material contained in the Anonymous Letter File, without  
effecting an identification.

A review of the initial portion of the letter  
relative to possible authorship identification revealed that  
there is a strong possibility that the author of the message  
is a native of a Spanish-speaking country, this supposition

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being based on certain peculiarities in sentence structure that are characteristic of the Spanish language. Moreover, the use of such words as "Centro," "on holiday" and "organisation" indicates that the author probably learned English from a British instructor. In this regard, it should also be noted that the author seems well educated. ~~(S)~~ (U)

It is hoped that the foregoing findings and observations will be of assistance to your Agency.

Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency ~~(S)~~ (U)

NOTE:

CIA by referenced letter furnished a copy of the document mentioned in the caption and commented that from all indications it was written by some unknown party in the United States who was collecting information on CIA personnel assigned abroad and passing this information to persons having connections with the Montoneros. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The document was furnished to [redacted] Laboratory Division, for review, and the above information concerning the document was furnished by the Laboratory Division.

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENTS OF THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND CAPABILITIES  
OF THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUP

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## SUMMARY:

THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUP, HAVE NOT  
CARRIED OUT ANY VIOLENT ACTS IN ARGENTINA DURING 1981, ALTHOUGH  
THEY RETAIN A WIDE RANGE OF CAPABILITIES, INCLUDING THE  
ABILITY TO CARRY OUT A SELECTED TERRORIST ACT.

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ORGANIZED MONTONERO STRUCTURE WITH 15 SELF-SUFFICIENT UNITS

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... CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT ACTIONS THAT RANGE FROM DISTRIBUTING  
PROPAGANDA TO CARRYING OUT AN ASSASSINATION; [REDACTED]

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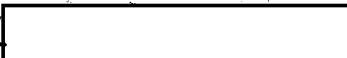
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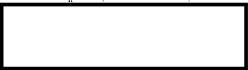
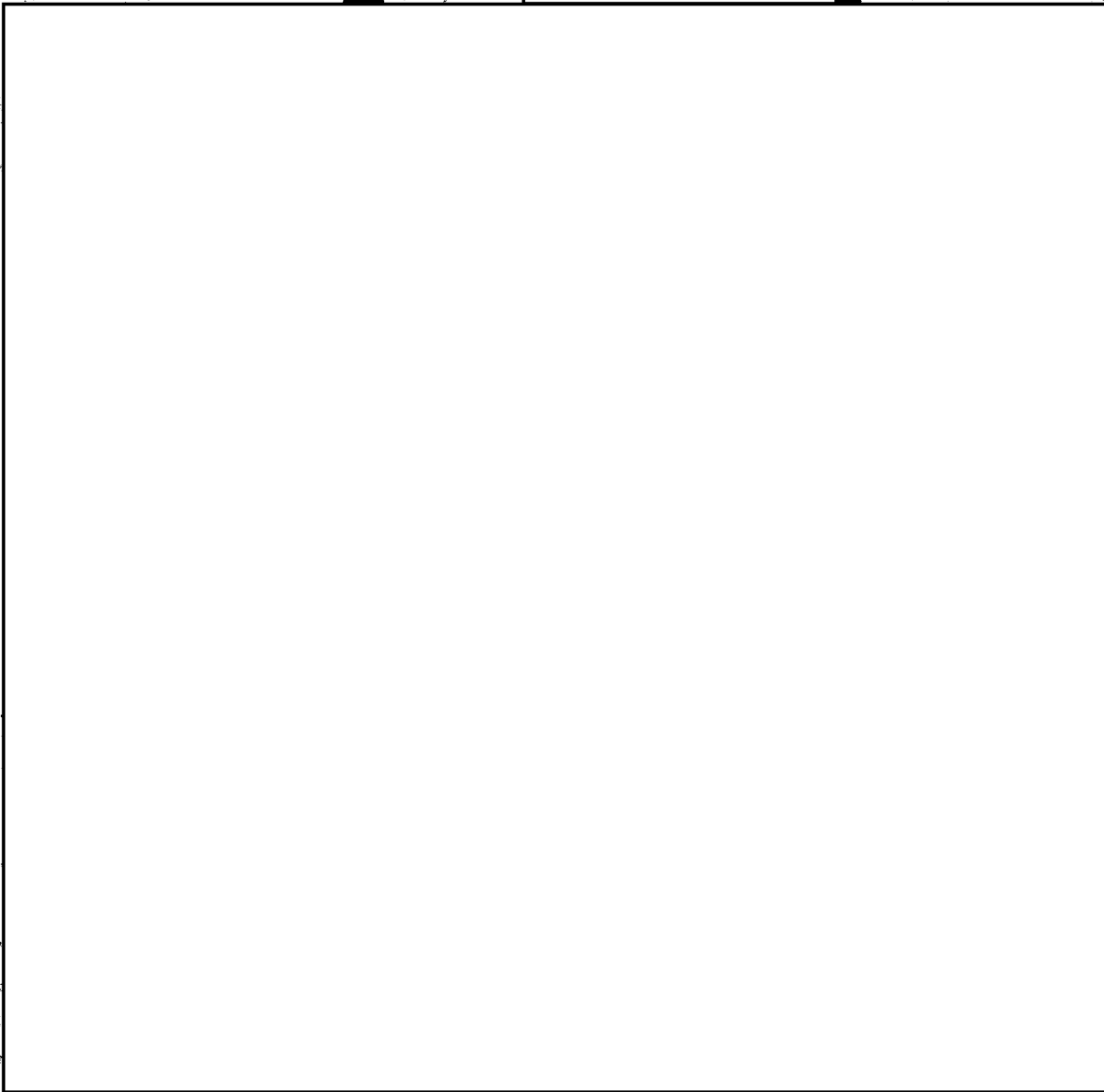
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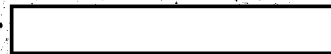
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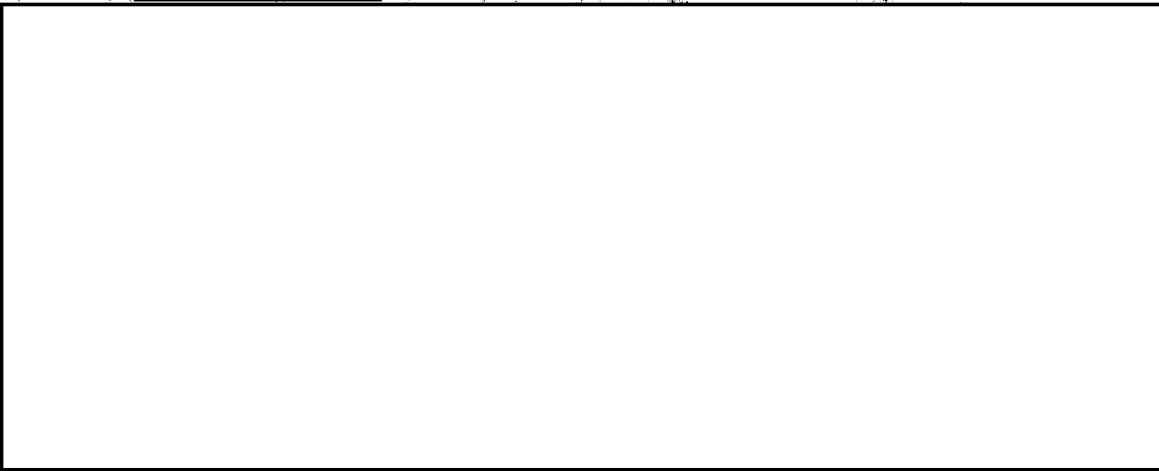
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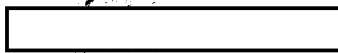
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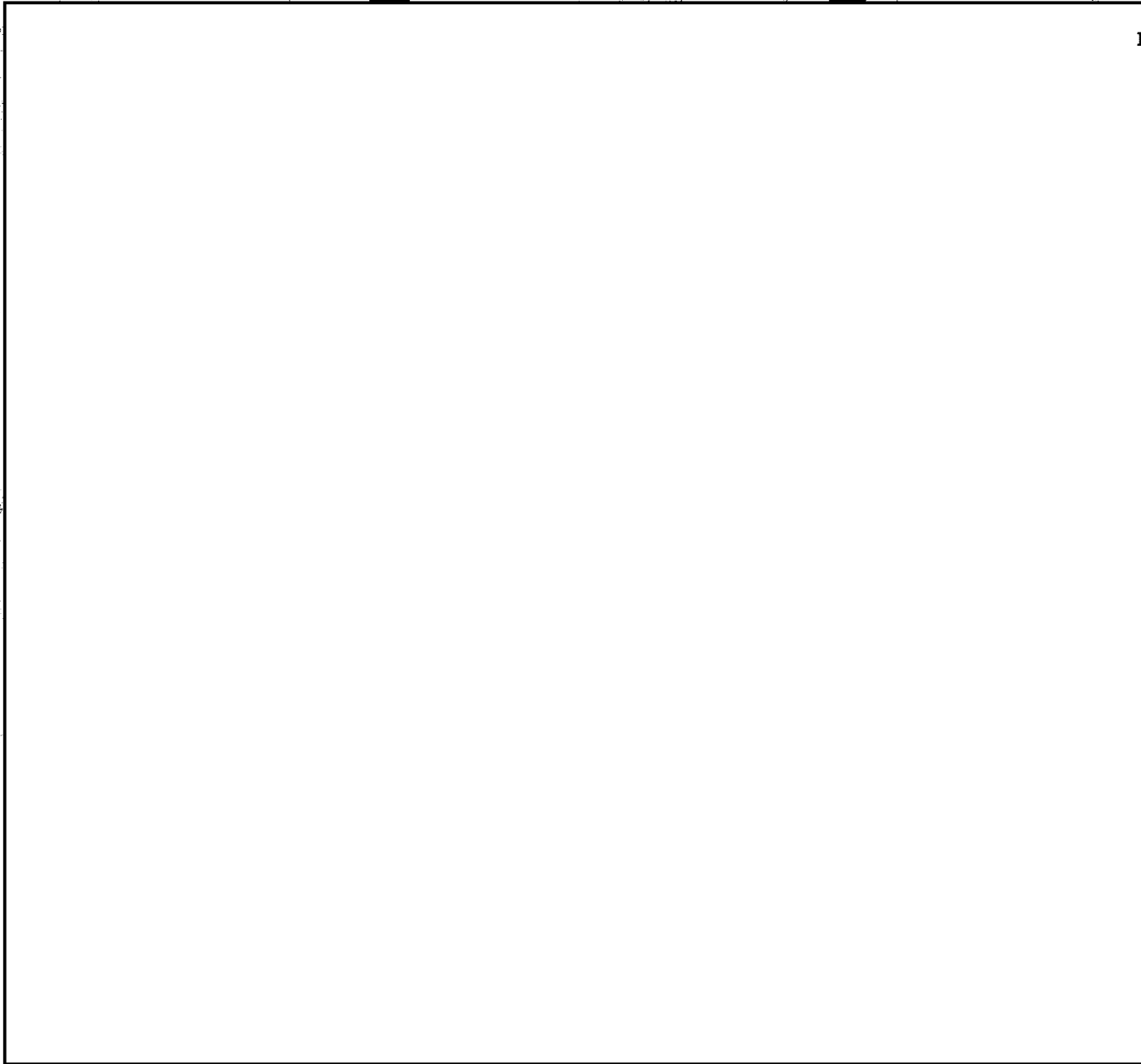
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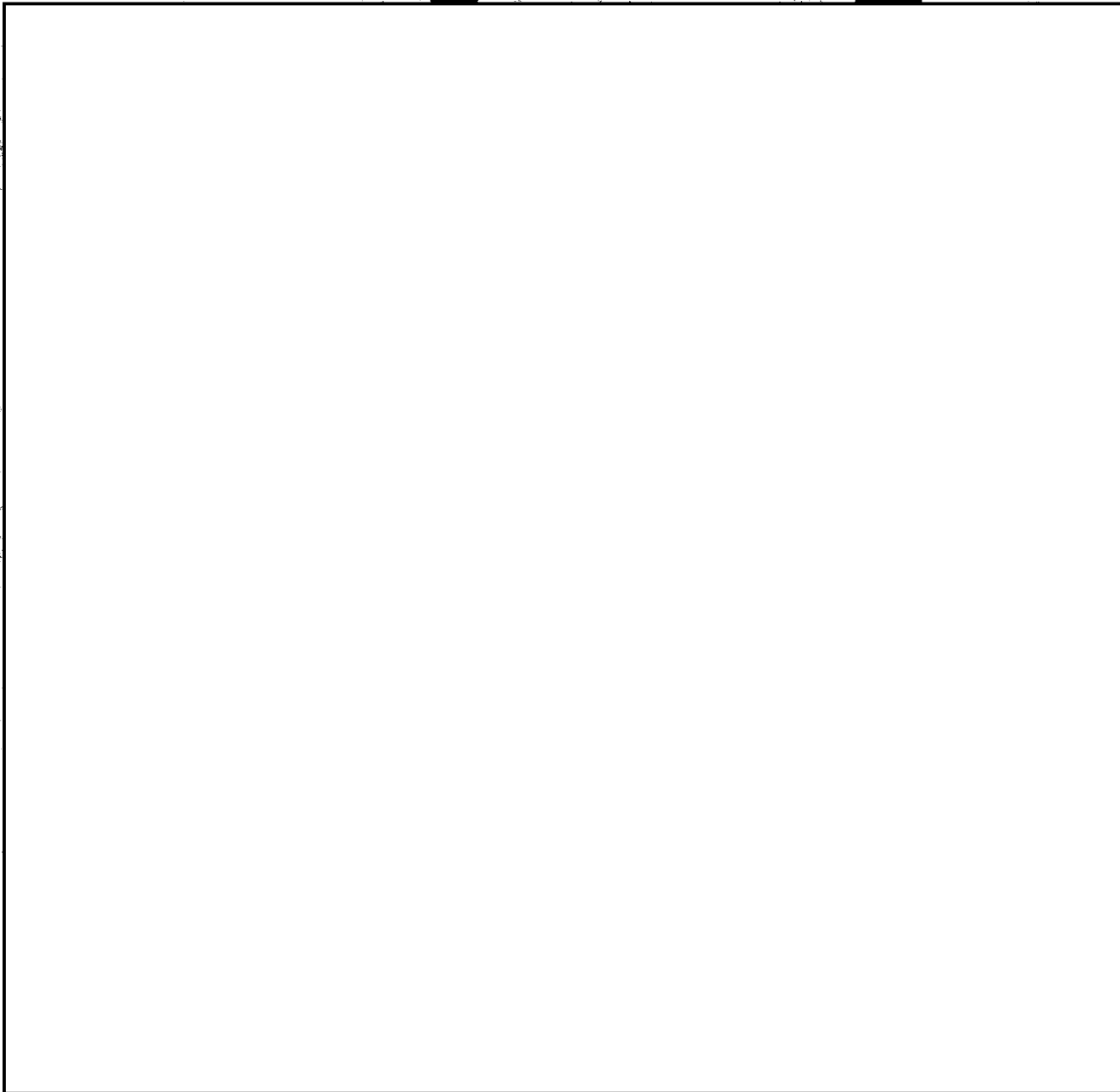


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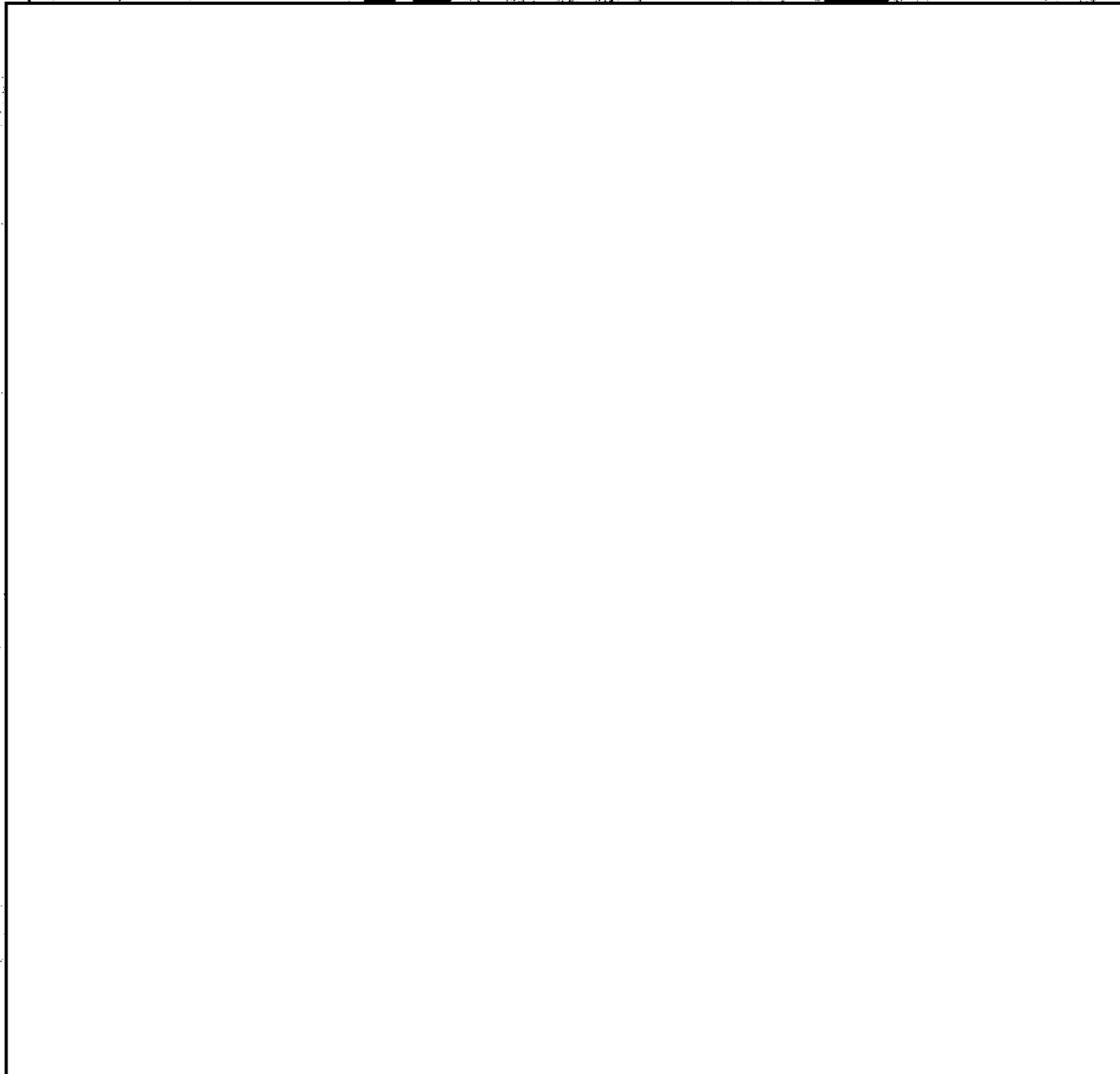
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